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125th Celebration: September 25 - 27 1998

A Message from the Editor . . .

Another edition and no new changes!

I edit the Record but it is your news magazine. I only print what I get from you, the members of the organization. So please remember to send in news. You can either use snail mail or the information superhighway to get it to me. So send it, fax it, or e-mail it!

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Please type all materials or if it is easier you can send your news on a computer disk using either MS Word or Word Perfect. I will return all disks so that you can use them for the next issue of news you send. If you don't type or have a computer send news anyway but please try to make the writing as readable as possible so that I can spell all of the names correctly.

Thank you for all of your help - and if anyone wants to volunteer to assist with the editing of the Record please let me know. Volunteers are always welcome!

Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

P. S. If you have an address change let us know and if the post office has given you a postal address please forward that to us as soon as possible so that when we do mailings we can get them to you as quickly and efficiently as possible.

ANNUAL REPORTS

ALUMNAE PRESIDENT

This has been a busy and productive year for the association. The Board of Directors of the MGH NAA held 6 meetings over the course of the year and is working hard toward the 125th anniversary of the school next September. It is an exciting time to be president of the association. The work we have been doing over the last year has been directed toward two major goals.

First to make the association more efficient, fiscally based and move toward a non-profit 501-C3 status with the IRS. We revised the By-laws as part of the requirements for the 501 -C3 application that was submitted to the IRS. We hope to hear before January 1 if our application has been approved. This will allow us to mail at much lower rates and give us other tax benefits including making all donations to the association tax deductible. The computer systems in the office have been upgraded and our membership data base and financial records are now in a new format. Once all the glitches are ironed out we will have the ability to do far more with our data in a far more effective and efficient manner. We continue to assess how the funds controlled by the association are invested and are seeking the safest but most advantageous route to go. The Finance Task Force is doing a massive job to get the Board all of the needed information to make a realistic decision.

Without Lee Drago, Mim Huggard, Doris Morrissette and Carolyn Thayer the office would not be as efficient as it is and the work of the officers would be greatly increased. Our thanks to all of them for a superb job.

The second goal is to collect and preserve the history of the association and become the archivist for history on nursing education at MGH. The office in it's move last year began the process of sorting and storing historical memorabilia. As part of the 125th celebration a written history is being done that will encompass the last 25 years, continuing where the "Centennial Review" left off. In researching for this book audio taped interviews are being done and the Board voted to purchase a video camera to do video interviews as well. To date four video interviews have been done with three more scheduled. The tapes will remain as part of the historical archive at the Alumnae Office. The hope is to interview both old and young grads, people who have made the history of the school, faculty, and others so that our written history will also have a visual support to it. Beyond putting the tapes in the archives, we have not determined any other use but once we have a large number of tapes we might edit portions and create a visual history.

The 125th committee is working and seeking volunteers to help with the many jobs that will be needed to make an event of this magnitude a success. Please

volunteer if you can and even if you can not volunteer make sure that you put the date on your calendar. I look forward to seeing all of you at our three day gala 125th anniversary next September.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

September 28, 1997

1. The meeting was called to order by Mary Caira, acting President, at 9:15 AM. Linda Lass-Schuhmacher, President, is in Washington DC receiving a commendation for her work with the March of Dimes. We congratulate her.

2. The minutes of the September 1996 meeting were published in the Fall/Winter Edition of the Alumnae Record.

3. Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports - both are unavailable due to the updating of the office computer system. They will be available in the next issue of the Alumnae Record.

4. The reports of the President and committee chairpersons will be also published in the next Alumnae Record.

5. Mary announced the dates for the 125th Anniversary Celebration - September 25, 26, and 27th 1998 at the Radisson Hotel (formerly the '57). Information was given on room availability at special rates, the programs and tours are being planned. A book on the history of the last 25 years is in production and will be ready for the celebration. The core committee is seeking volunteers willing to work on various parts of the celebration. Contact the office is you can volunteer.

6. By-Laws - copies of the updated By-Laws were sent to the membership prior to the meeting so that the changes could be voted on at the meeting. The changes were made to comply with the IRS requirements to have the Alumnae become a non-profit 501-c3 corporation. Motion was made, seconded , and approved to accept the new changes.

7. The election results were announced by Annabel Edwards. 333 ballots were cast:

Vice-President - Maureen McGrath
Treasurer - Mariann Vetere
Board of Directors - Patricia Murphy and Vareen O'Keefe-Domaleski
Nominating Committee - Mary Anne Kieran and Jeanne Cona Stahl

8. New Business:

a. The Quilt that has been made for the 125th was discussed. Much discussion centered around the Quilt made by some of our more creative members. Pictures were circulated. Suggestions were made on how best to utilize it. A member spoke on the reasons for making the quilt. After much discussion the following motion was made: that the quilt be preserved for posterity, that the members could adopt a square of the quilt at a specific cost and their contribution be recognized, and that the quilt stay at MGH on display. This motion was seconded and approved by all in attendance.

9. A vote was taken to destroy the ballots.

Meeting adjourned at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Norton

ALUMNAE SECRETARY

We are pleased to report a significant increase in membership. Our active membership is 1,356 and we have 88 complimentary members. Our count on inactive members is currently 3,880.

Sincere condolences are offered to the friends and relatives of the 37 deceased members.

Donations to our fund drive have reached a total of $10,265 which is 30% less than last year's total.

Special thanks to our dedicated volunteer, Miriam Huggard for her outstanding service to the Alumnae.

Respectfully submitted
Eligia M Drago

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A Continuing Education program was conducted the Friday before Homecoming, and an educational program was done at Homecoming. Both programs were very well received.

Respectfully submitted
Helena t McDonough

ALUMNAE RECORD

Two issues of the Record were published this past year. There has been an increase in the amount of class news being sent in and I hope that the year to come will see this continue.

Over the year there were some changes in format in the Record and we hope to continue to experiment with changes. If you have any suggestions please let me know. We are now at a format that should be able to remain. Remember this is your news magazine and you are the only one that can supply us with the news to print.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

ANNABELLA MCCRAE LOAN FUND

This year the Annabella McCrae Loan Fund received two applications for loans this year.

We continue to offer low interest educational loans (2%) and encourage alumnae to apply.

Respectfully submitted
Carolyn Thayer

SALLY JOHNSON
FELICIA FULLERTON SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following scholarship awards:

Part time study:

Annabel Edwards (83) Adult Nurse Practitioner
Elaine Curley Hazelton (80) for MSN
Sandra Silvestri (76) for MSN

Full time study: No applications were received.

We are delighted to be able to help so many as they pursue their educational goals and look forward to helping others next year!

Requirements to apply are the following:
1. Active (dues paid) member of the Alumnae
2. Office must receive application by May 1
3. Preference given for education pursued in nursing

Full time scholarships are awarded once and are $3000 each. Part time scholarships are awarded twice and are up to $1500 each. Scholarships are awarded in late May.

Respectfully submitted
Marlene Norton, Chairperson
Lucille Tannenbaum-Niostel
Carolyn Wortman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The members of the Nominating Committee are pleased to announce the results of the 1997-1998 elections.

Vice-President
Maureen McGrath (1961)
Treasurer
Mariann Vetere (1978)
Board of Directors
Patricia Murphy (1980)
Vareen O'Keefe-Domaleski (1971)
Nominating Committee
Mary Anne Kieran (1965)
Jeanne Cona Stahl (1969)

Congratulations and Welcome to new officers and welcome back to returning officers. All these positions are voluntary and new faces are always welcome.

If any one is interested in becoming more involved with the Alumnae and wishes to run for office please feel free to contact the Alumnae office.

Respectfully submitted
Annabel Edwards

BERTELLA TOMPKINS FUND

In the past year, $1455.00 has been given to two graduates, who needed financial assistance for medical supplies and needs.

We invite graduates who need financial assistance with medical expenses to apply for funding.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Caira

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Fiscal year ending December 31, 1996, the MGH Nurses' Alumnae Association received a total of $155,068.00 from bequests, dues, the annual fund drive, donations, loan payments, interest from bank accounts and capital appreciation from investments.

For that same period, expenses for the general operations of the association were $55,688.00. Therefore the Association had a cash increase of $99,380. For comparative purposes, fiscal 1995 had a surplus of $71,273.

The cash surplus of $99,380 was from:

1. Bequests of $81,348 (restricted)
2. Interest and Dividends of $14,208
3. Increased proceeds from the Fund Drive $5,017

Fiscal 1996 was another banner year with increased cash flow from all fund activities. There were eight scholarships issued, one award, and three loans granted.

A copy of the auditors report is on file in the alumnae office and is available for review.

Respectfully submitted
Mariann Vetere

HOSPITALITY/SERVICE

We continue to keep in touch with the ill when the office is notified and send small remembrances at Christmas to about 20 members from the older classes. Please keep us informed about members who we should contact.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Huggard
Carolyn Thayer

IHP REPRESENTATIVE/HISTORIAN/ENDOWMENT FUND

We continue to maintain a close relationship with the IHP nursing program. As part of the process of creating a book for the 125th, we are doing a series of audio and video tapes. These are for the archives and we have not come to any other decision on use for the tapes.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

125TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

The committee and many task forces are now hard at work planning a three day event for next September. The Radisson Hotel in Boston has been booked and rooms have been blocked at a special group rate. The planning has just scratched the surface to date and we need volunteers to join with those on the Board who have started the planning. If you can volunteer please let the office know. Some of the committees/task forces needing volunteers include:

Program
Publicity/Promotional Materials
Logistics - pre event
each day of the event
Awards
Tours
Sales at the event
Silent Auction

Hospitality and Information at the event
Banquet

Two parts of the event that have moved right along are the book, "The Next Twenty-five Years: A Time of Transition and Change" which should go to the publisher within the next few months. And the signature quilt which is finished. We are still working with the creators to determine what we will do with it. It was originally conceived as a fund raiser but questions and comments at Homecoming have left the issue open to more discussion. There will be photos of the center panel and probably note cards and a poster available for sale. More to come on this as we discuss the future of the quilt with the two members of the class of '45 who spearheaded this project.

The awards committee has met and created some more specific guidelines for the awards and the criteria for nominating. Remember we are relying on you to send in nominations soon so the group can continue to work.

Don't be left out - make your plans today and join us for the 125th anniversary celebration Friday through Sunday, September 25 - 27, 1998! More details are in the section of this edition called 125th Update.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Caira
Linda Lass-Schuhmacher

Homecoming 1997

On Friday, September 26th, forty-three grads attended a continuing education program at the IHP. the presentation, "HIV the Legal and Ethical Aspects for Nurses" given by Kathleen Powderly was very well received. After the program a reception co-sponsored by the Alumnae Association and the IHP was held and the reunion of old friends started.

Saturday, September 27th, two hundred four grads attended Homecoming at the Radisson Hotel. Following the annual business meeting, Jean Steele spoke on "Advanced Practice for Nurses: A Twenty Year Perspective". Her talk was stimulating and educational.

The luncheon brought everyone together to share with classmates and friends their memories and their lives up to the present. Per ususal the noise level was deafening! During the luncheon the association recognized anniversary classes and some special individuals.

The earliest class in attendance was the class of '29 represented by Christine Moore Binnall. There were also eighty members of the 60 year class and forty-four from the 50 year class. All were given gifts from the association to celebrate their anniversary.

Flowers were given to the other anniversary groups. There were thirty-one members of the 40 year class, twelve from the 30 year class, ten from the 25 year class, but no one from the 10 year class.

In addition to the reunion classes, recognition was made for the three who had traveled the furthest. From the class of '47, Bena Battistone Fisher from Castro, CA, Sally Thorndike Roth from Foster, CA and from the class of '57 Carol McGinley Gillingham from Catot, CA. The member from the most recent class was also recognized, Grace Keaveny from the class of '97.

A special recognition was given to Mim Huggard for her years of dedicated volunteering in the Alumnae Office. She is a definite Unsung Hero to the association.

Many thanks to the classes who gave gifts to the association. The fifty year class ('47) gave a wonderful $1985.00 class gift.

This year was great but remember next year will be bigger and better - so plan on being there for the 125th.

Price list
for gift items sold at Homecoming 1997

To order any of the items below please write the Alumnae Office specifying what you wish to purchase and include the cost of the item plus $6.00 for postage and handling. Items will be shipped out to you within one week of receipt of your order. Thank you.

Tote Bag (SMALL)	$15.00	(LARGE)	$20.00
Paperweight with Bulfinch on top		$15.00	
Glass mug		$10.00	
Lunch bag		$10.00	
Clock (small Lucite)		$10.00	
Centennial Review		$15.00	
Trivet (pin logo)		$10.00	
Note cards (MGH Nurse) 10		$10.00	
Note paper (from the desk of) 4		$10.00	

Homecoming Photos
1997

Photos in this issue of the Alumnae Record may be ordered through **FAYFOTO**, 45 Electric Avenue, Boston, MA 02135, telephone 617 267 2000. Copies are available in 5 X 7 size for $10.00 and in 8 X 10 size for $15.00 each. Orders should include the year and, if applicable, the section for the group photo requested, a check to cover the cost of the order and your full mailing address. Please allow 4 - 6 weeks for delivery. **Please note the office is not selling or taking orders for photos.**

PEARLS FROM THE PAST

Have you found a Pearl from the Past that you would like to share, if so then send us a copy and we will try to make this section a part of each issue of the Record.

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1873-1973

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MGH NURSES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
Ruth Sleeper Hall - 180
Mass General Hospital
Boston, MA 02114

IHP Corner

In September, Dr Maureen Groer resigned from the presidency of the IHP. She returned to the College of Nursing at the University of Tennessee and to her family in Knoxville. She felt she needed to decrease the strain of a commuter marriage and have a less stressful lifestyle. We wish her well in her new job and hope she will join us next year at the 125th. She took time out of her busy work load as she began to get ready to leave to work with the association and gave us a wonderful interview on video.

Excerpts from a letter to the Alumnae dated October 14, 1997 from Matina Horner Ph.D., Chair, Board of Trustees:

I write to apprise you of recent developments at the MGH Institute of Health Professions. The academic year has begun with the admission of some 127 new students who join our continuing and special students to create a student body of 530 talented individuals. Our newest program - the Graduate Program in Clinical Investigation - will open formally in January of 1998, but already 20 individuals are taking a class with the director of the program, Dr. Richard Ferraro. In September, the Professional Physical Therapy Program received an excellent oral report from a three-member team from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. The Commission will vote on final accreditation status at the end of this month.

As the Institute embarks on its twentieth anniversary year, we are proud of our many accomplishments. At the same time, it has become increasingly clear to us that the Institute must set its future objectives in the context of a dramatically and swiftly changing health care environment. Following a year of intensive and extensive strategic and business planning, the Trustees of the MGH Institute, together with the Trustees and Administration of the MGH, have agreed on an initiative to seek new and creative alliances that will secure the Institute's future and ensure the integrity and continuing excellence of its academic programs. One clear possibility that will be explored is an alliance with another academic institution through with the Institute could reduce its "infrastructure" costs and improve student and faculty services. For both the IHP and the MGH, preserving the quality, integrity, and effectiveness of the Institute's academic programs for students and faculty - now and in the future - is the most important goal driving the planning process.

The Institute has also welcomed new leadership with the appointment of Ann W. Caldwell as Interim President, effective October 1, 1997. Ann has come to the Institute from Brown University where she served as Vice President for Development since 1991. Her background includes periods at the Harvard

Graduate School of Education and Wheaton College and a rich array of experience, including academic administration, teaching, publishing, strategic planning, and fundraising. She succeeds Dr. Maureen W. Groer who, for health and personal reasons, decided to return home to Tennessee and to take up the position of Associate Dean for Research in the College of Nursing at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Finally, let me note that our plans for celebrating the Institute's twentieth anniversary year have been reshaped in some important ways. On Saturday, November 8, 1997, we shall have our second alumnae/i reunion when we shall, among other things, announce the creation of an IHP Alumnae/i Association and the appointment of officers. Then, on May 16, 1998, the day we celebrate the Institute's 18th Commencement, we shall again celebrate our twenty years of achievements with a gala reception and dinner honoring founders, friends, and people who have made us what we are today.

125th Update

September 25 - 27, 1998

The following is a brief summary of the committee work to date and some of the details that you need to know in order to begin to make your plans for attending the gala event. If you remember the 100th we are aiming to do just as well (if not better!) so plan today.

Accommodations:

The event will be held at the Radisson Hotel Boston, 200 Stuart Street, Boston, MA 02116. A block of rooms is being held for the event. To make a room reservation please call the hotel directly, Reservation Department, at 1 - 800 - 468 - 3557. The group name is the MGH Nurses Alumnae Association. Events are scheduled to start with registration at 8 AM Friday morning. There will be a hospitality suite open Thursday evening at the hotel.

Remember make your reservations early as space in Boston hotels is extremely limited at the end of September because of all the fall foliage tours that pass through Boston.

The Educational Programs:

Friday, September 25: A Continuing Education Program (4.0 contact hours)
"The Social Impact of Nursing: Past, Present, and Future"
Registration and Continental Breakfast from 8 - 9 AM
Program from 9 AM to 1 PM

Saturday, September 26: 9 AM Annual Alumnae Association Business Meeting
Educational Program "A Walk Through the History of Nursing Education at the MGH" 10 AM - 12 noon

Sunday, September 27: Shuttles leave for MGH starting at 9 AM
Continental Breakfast at MGH 9 - 10 AM
Informational Program: "Where MGH is today and What is in the Future" 10 AM - 12 noon
Tours and shuttles back to the hotel 12:15 - 1:15 PM

Special Events:

Friday, September 25: Gala Banquet and Awards 5:30 - 9 PM
Cocktail hour 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Dinner 6:30 - 8 PM
Awards 8 - 9 PM

Saturday, September 26: Homecoming Luncheon and Silent Auction
12 noon - 3 PM

Silent Auction:

Items that have been donated to the association will be auctioned - if anyone has items to be auctioned please send them to the Alumnae Office.

Awards and Alumnae Recognition:

The association will be giving two types of awards to graduates.

The first will be Alumnae Recognition given at the Saturday Luncheon. These recognitions will be determined by the Alumnae Board and will be based on service to the association and work on maintaining the history of the school and nursing education at MGH.

The second awards will be given out at the Friday evening Banquet. These will be awards for excellence, innovation, or outstanding service in one of the following areas of nursing:

- Nursing Education
  - Undergraduate
  - Graduate
  - In-Service Education

- Nursing Research

- Nursing Practice
  - acute care setting
  - ambulatory care/clinic setting
  - rehabilitation
  - chronic care/long term care
  - community and public health
  - hospice
  - home care
  - school nursing
  - occupational health
  - other (please specify)

- Nursing Administration

- Community Service

- Advocacy - Politics

These awards require that someone nominate the individual (self nomination is allowed) with supporting data as to why the individual is being nominated, listing their major contributions and work in the given area.

We have received some nominations to date but are actively seeking more nominations and nominations that are specific to one of the above listed groups.

The above information gives you an overview of what should prove to be a wonderful memory making three days - remember make your plans early and keep watching for materials from the association regarding registration and particulars. Mailings will only go to members - so if you have not paid your 1998 dues yet, do it today so that you do not miss any of the 125th celebration information.

Volunteers welcome for all jobs, big and small, long term and at the event, so call or write and let us know if you can help.

1976
1979
1981
1969

In Memoriam

1924 Mary Bullard Hewins on June 19, 1997.
1927 Mary C. McCormick on October 12, 1997.
1931 Anne Lyons Twomey on November 1, 1997.
1932 Alice Jarvis Talmadge on May 3, 1995.
1935 Lillian Hunter Campbell on June 21, 1997.
1935 Salomi Englemann on August 1, 1997.
1936 Elizabeth Tripp Steele on June 21, 1997.
1937 Evelyn Curley King on August 28, 1997.
1943 Stella O'Mara Zaaca on May 15, 1997.
1944 Marion Randall Bryant on July 7, 1997.
1944 Priscilla M Andrews on May 26, 1997.
1944 Mary C Mark Lynch on May 10, 1997.
1946 Betty Bidwell Aaron on July 11, 1997.
1947 Marjorie Landers on May 10, 1997.
1947 Dorothy Jamrok Rohan on August 23, 1997.
1955 Catherine Millett Cashin on August 18, 1997.
1962 Greta Carlquist Delaney Spring, 1997.

News Notes

Report of the Spring meeting of the Worcester County MGH Club:

The spring meeting of the Worcester County MGH Club was held on May 13 at 6:30 PM at O'Connors Restaurant and Pub, 1160 West Boylston St, Worcester, MA. The following ten members were present: Ann Mitchell ('34), June Branagan ('54), Frances Tomasunas Kay ('41), Martha Davison Peterson ('32), Christine Moore Binnell ('29), Muriel Settle Pollock ('42), Ruth Pedley Smith ('44), Barbara Moran Clancy ('57), Carol Brown Walsh ('57), and me, Annette Heinzle Desmarais. Barbara Moran brought her mother and another guest to relieve the tedium of the long ride.

Helen Duquette sent a letter keeping us abreast of her volunteer activities in Northboro. She is unable to drive at night because of glaucoma. Christine Moore Binnall is still a very active volunteer in Gardner in spite of not having a car.

I passed around the history of the Worcester County MGH Club that Muriel Settle Pollock had written a number of years ago. I'm so glad we have that information available.

Our next meeting will be on October 14, 1997 at 1 PM at O'Connors Restaurant and Pub. I promise to give you more notice next time.

Annette Heinzle Desmarais
92 Chapel St
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The Worcester County MGH Club met at O'Connors Restaurant and Pub on October 14, 1997. The following five members attended: Muriel Pollock, Ann Mitchell, Blanche Couillard, Christine Binnall, and me. Frances Tomasunas Kay and Hamel Hoelsch had been felled by a bug earlier in the week and sent their regrets.

Our group made a good showing at Homecoming a few weeks previously. I saw Barbara Morin Clancy, Janet MacMillan, Janice Prouty Howland and Christine Moore Binnall. Christine received a gift from the Alumnae for being a member of the oldest class there ('29). Christine does not drive, but by using the bus and train arrived in Boston from Gardner and stayed

overnight with a friend. Christine enjoys excellent health and volunteers at many senior programs in Gardner.

Our former president has moved to Plymouth and officially resigned. (Margaret Tinney Harding '62).

A member of the September group of the class of 1944 attended Homecoming and we had a chance to catch up on news of our class. Barbara Thorburn Sharp lives in New Jersey and traveled to Boston with her sister.

The next meeting of the Worcester County MGH Club will be on May 12, 1998 at 6:30 PM at O'Connors Restaurant and Pub. Keep that date open! Call or write me if you want to join.

Annette Heinzle Desmarais ('44)
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A charitable gift annuity is a contract between the donor and the Institute. The donor makes a gift and the Institute agrees to pay the donor a fixed lifetime income. A charitable gift annuity provides the following financial benefits:

- stream of income for life
- fixed secure payment rate
- charitable income tax deduction
- reduced capital gains taxes
- partially tax free return

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Class News

1925

We received a note from Earlyne K Scott:

Thank you for keeping my name on your mailing list.

I have enjoyed the Quarterly and other material for 72 years. At 93 I continue in good health and keep up my interest in the Nursing Field and all it's changes.

1927

In a note from Elizabeth Foley:

Mary C McCormick died October 12, 1997 at Bear Hill Nursing Center after a prolonged illness.

She expressed to me a wish that her pin, which she treasured, be given to the Alumnae Association.

Mary was at Bear Hill for seven and one half years and during her stay she regularly received the Alumnae Bulletin and a Christmas remembrance.

Although the last few years she was not fully aware of her surroundings when the bulletin arrived and the Christmas gift was received she showed them to other patients and the nurses and her face would light up.

Although Mary was not survived by any of her immediate family, I, her cousin, appreciate the thoughtfulness of the association. The joy you brought to Mary is proof of her claim that MGH nurses are really the best.

1929

A note from Christine Moore Binnall:

It is always so great to come back for MGH Homecoming each year. Thank you for my lovely MGH Canvas Bag.

I am enjoying using it very much. It is a most useful gift.

I appreciate all the work and consideration that goes into planning for Homecoming each year.

I for one am so glad you honored Mim Huggard. She certainly was very deserving and has always given so much of herself.

1930

A note from Margaret (Maggie) Meenan:

I am in my 89th year - still living alone (but never lonely) in my own digs without a "keeper" and without a serious accident (so far). I have a wonderful family, good neighbors, and friends. I considered myself very lucky.

We also received some wonderful pieces of memorabilia from Louine Lunt Peck of Northeast Harbor Maine. In the Coastlines section of the Bar Harbor Times from November 21, 1996, a wonderful article appeared that focused on her and the nurses that sailed on the steamship Acadia, a luxury liner converted to hospital ship, to World War II. This article referred to the earlier article from 1991 that discussed the Lunt family seafaring tradition. During her service years she earned five battle stars. After the war she returned to Columbia University to study. She directed the Albany School of Practical Nursing for 25 years before returning to Maine in 1975.

1934

We received a booklet printed this year, in memorial to L. Gladys Farren by the Southeastern Regional School District, March 1997 (Women's History Month) and edited by Marjorie Winsor. Gladys was a Public

Health - Visiting Nurse in the town of East Bridgewater from 1947 to 1977. During World War II she served in a war zone army hospital in Calcutta, India from 1943 to late 1944.

1935

In the annual report of Pacific Homes in Woodland California there was a photo and the following about Lillian Fletcher Carroll. "Shells from all over the world are the passion of fourteen year Wesley Palms resident, Lillian Carroll. As one of the first airline "stewardesses," she was able to collect shells from the far reaches of the globe. The shells, which number too many to count have been carefully researched and identified, from the most exotic Delicate Lace Murax to the simplest sea urchin."

We were contacted by Molly Dumm, the wife of Salomi Engleman's grandnephew, who told us of her death on August 1, 1997 at the age of 90.

1937

We received word of the death of Evelyn Curley King on August 28, 1997. She had done private duty in Phillips House, was a head nurse at Salem Hospital, and then was a school nurse for the town of Danvers until her retirement in 1986.

In a note from Elizabeth Smith Hollidge:

We had a fine time at Homecoming '97. I enjoyed the party very much and was lucky to win the lovely floral centerpiece. I'm sure that I express thanks for all of our members of the 1937 class, as all of us were pleased with the whole affair.

Now we'll hope to be there for the 125th in September of 1998.

1938

Grace Walsh Kelley
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After reading the Alumnae Record, I find a space between 1937 and 1939 which should have 1938! I was Grace Walsh, a Simmons girl and my room mate was Leslie Thorud Yancy. I have been in touch with her recently and hopefully we will both be there for the 125th celebration. There are two others whom I hope will be there. Helen Curran Bolger and Josephine Latakas Kaveraceus. Perhaps if there are others who are hesitating they will also come for they will not be alone.

Recently Leslie sent me "The History of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School for Nurses" 1922. I am finding it most interesting. I could not believe how early in the development of the school of nursing that Simmons was mentioned and having a 5 year program. I am assuming there must be other copies of this book in the library.

I was interested in the letter that Inge B Corless, Associate Professor Director, HIV/AIDS Specialization, where she mentions the "training of nurse practitioners and later states the increased need for "educated" nurse practitioners. I think it was Sally Johnson who one said dogs were trained, nurses were educated.

I know there have been lots of problems with the size of the Alumnae Record and am sorry the large size will prevail. It raises hob with saving them. So be it. Lots of luck.

1940

We received word that Mary Wright Shaw has written an autobiography on her public health service career with several chapters devoted to her days as a student nurse.

Eleanor Belcher Call
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In April Carolyn Dean and I visited Olga Andruskiw (Midge) at her condo in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. We went to the beach one day and took our lunch. Another day we spent at Daytona Beach. We really enjoyed the chance to get together. Mary Wright Shaw has written a book "Go With the River" - Carolyn liked it and I have ordered it and hope to read it soon. Good luck Mary. Hope you hear from more of our classmates.

Carolyn was the only one attending Homecoming.

Please send us your news.

1944

Annette Desmarais
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Yes, I'm still around but haven't been a vary active correspondent since our 50th reunion. I'm more involved in the Worcester County MGH Club to which 3 of our classmates belong. Barbara Johnson Anderson is frequently out of the state when we hold our meetings. Madeline Hamel Hoelsch lives in Worcester, only a 20 minute ride from here, and Ruth Pedley Smith lives in Sturbridge, only a half hour from me and within sight of Old Sturbridge Village. Strange, the one I hear from the most frequently is Helen Kneeland who lives on the other side of the country. She is very happy living in a retirement community called Rohlff's Manor in the Napa Valley, of California, that offers many activities and trips for its residents. She is active in Eastern Star, volunteer work for her church and activities at the Manor. She enjoys good health.

Ruth has taken college courses available in the area for Seniors and also attended Elder Hostels.

As for me, I've retired from hospital nursing, but work a few hours a week for a pediatrician. Also baby-sit a few hours a week for 3 of my 4 grandchildren, and work in the garden a little bit.

So, good-bye until next time. Stay healthy!

1946

Kathleen Delaney
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It was with great disappointment that I realized the news of our July 1946 reunion class had somehow gone astray. Albeit a bit delayed, I am enclosing the information for the Fall 1997 Record.

The class of July 1946 was a small one -- there were thirty-six of us who graduated and eight members attended Homecoming in September for our fiftieth year reunion. We had a wonderful time finding each other. Fifty years had not changed the spirit of our group and we thoroughly enjoyed exchanging stories and reviewing old photographs. The Alumnae Association presented each of us with a tote bag bearing the MGH emblem. It is a gift we shall treasure.

Following the program at Homecoming, we drove to MGH and took a self-guided tour of the General. The brick corridor and mail boxes are gone, along with Thayer, Baker Memorial, Walcott, and the Moseley Building. Spectacular new construction has completely filled these spaces. The chapel has been moved and services for all faiths are held regularly. Bulfinch remains (now contains offices) and the Ether Dome brought back many memories of trying to stay awake during morning lectures when we were on night duty. Walcott House, North Grove, Parkman and the morgue have been replaced by parking garages. We knew after our tour that it had, indeed, been fifty years!

Those in attendance: Betty Jane Cassidy Evans who lives in Gilford, NH; she came with Dorothea Shattuck from the September section. Edith Celley Rogers lives in Avenue, MD and she and her husband enjoy traveling. Betsy Keller Tinsman came with her husband from Lumbersville, PA, she enjoys her grandchildren who live nearby. Mary Kewer Munroe and husband divide their year between Wells, ME and Venice, FL and keep very busy with friends and family. Jean Finley Rogers is widowed and is a nurse practitioner living in Leeds, MA, she is looking forward to a long awaited work experience in Guatemala. Sylvia Wisotzky White came from California, she had retired after many years of nursing service with the city of San Francisco. Ann Pendleton Denton came from Homosassa Springs, FL, she spent a few days with us on Cape Cod before the reunion and needless to say, we had some long gab sessions! She was still employed full time in nursing (Managed Care) at the time of

our reunion, but she has since retired and is loving it! After raising our family of five children, I returned to Simmons College for my degree. I then spent ten years at Newton Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing, first in the Science Department and later in Administration. My husband and I spend our summers on Cape Cod and winters in Naples, FL. We do volunteer work in both locales and are grateful for our health, friends, and family -- especially those grandchildren! We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June, 1997.

Letters and phone calls were received from many who were unable to attend, but were with us in spirit. Shirley Armstrong Beal was widowed and living in Lexington, MA and Sun City, FL, she was recovering from an illness and preparing for her daughter's wedding in October. We learned with deep regret that Shirley passed away in Sun City last December. Charlotte Clark Pease and husband are in Winslow, Arizona where she has worked as an office nurse for thirty years. Phyllis Emery Boyd is widowed and living in Tequesta, FL where she works actively with the migrant workers and the homeless. Mary Fleming Moore and husband live in Gainesville, FL and travel extensively. Claire Godin Gross lives in Maitland, FL. Virginia Raymond Schwartz and husband celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary and live in St James City, FL, they have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild! Doris Peterson Anderson and husband live near their son in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where they are building a new house. Jean Swart Robbie and husband live in Santa Ana, CA and enjoy their children and grandchildren who live nearby. Phyllis Ward Robinson's husband called from Barre, MA to say that she has not been well, but was eager to hear about the reunion. Marion Davis Soule lives in a nursing home in Greenfield, MA. Thelma Rushforth Hinshaw lives in Beaumont, TX with husband Jim who is not well.

We remembered with sadness the members who have died: Janet French Gilson, Carolyn Furness, Betty Jones Congdon, Anne Lawrence Handy, Mary Linehan Gordy, Hope Morse Wallingford, Phyllis McElroy and Margaret Reid.

June Section

The Class of June 1946 was comprised of five young women who came to MGH from Bryn Mawr College. I had always thought of them as being an addition to our class, so I contacted them as well. While no one was able to attend the reunion, I received letters from them. Barbara Chapman Rothwell and her husband, Dr. Jack, divide the year between Michigan and Florida and play golf year round. Olive Heyman McLaughlin spent twenty

years as a School Nurse, she and husband have retired to North Carolina. Grace Nangle has been very active in Nursing Education in Massachusetts. Betty Shepherd Andrews passes away two years ago. Evelyn Spellman Dyer moved from Cape Cod last year to Sun City, FL.

This summer Ann Pendleton Denton and Sylvia Wisotsky White visited us on Cape cod. We had a wonderful time continuing our reminiscing and we all agreed that we are looking forward to our 60th!

February 1947

Helen King McCoy
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Hi Girls, Congratulations to us! May 31st, we started our 50th celebration. We spent the day with Lou and Betty Andersen Carrier on Cape Cod. Dr Bruce and Rina Battistone Fisher were with us from California. Also Rube and Mary Wallace Anderson, Annia, Colin and Jean Barrows MacDougall, George and Yvonne Withers Ogilvie, Jack and I. A showery day, but we had a super time!! Jack and I extended our visit a few days before and after.

Esther Reade Wilson flew in from Zanesville, Ohio, so we could visit, then on up to our 50th and Homecoming September 26 and 27th. Met in Rina's room -- talk, talk, talk, and coffee. We went to lunch, took the Tour Bus ride around Boston. I was amazed at the changes. I guess fifty years is a long time. Back to Rina's room for a wine party, then to dinner at Legal Seafood -- Excellent! Duane and Jean Barker Morton, in from Ogden, Utah joined us. We numbered 17. Mary Wallace, Bessie Pearson, Barbara Watson, Betty Andersen, Glenna Clark, Rina, Esther, Chris Christopher, Annia, Barbara Grant, Ann Walsh, Dot Drury, Yvonne Withers, Sally Thorndyke and Louise Rosa. After dinner we retired to the Radisson Lounge. Saturday Homecoming -- an excellent speaker - Jean Steel, IHP. After dinner our sad farewells - for another 50 years?? Then tours of the Hospital for anyone who wished to go.

We spent every spare minute, "catching up". Mary Wallace doing well after cardiac rehab. She and Rube are house hunting. Rina brought California wine for our Friday evening party. Chris Christopher and Sally Thorndyke both using a cane after surgery, but doing real well. Sally continuing on an East coast Tour, after Homecoming. Duane and Jean

Barker traveling with a sight-seeing-leaf watching group. Sally and Rina from California, Jean from Utah.

We owe a large debt of gratitude to Annia, Yvonne and Mary Wallace. They met, planned, telephoned and wrote to facilitate our weekend. We thank you all very, very much.

Ann Walsh married Bill Hinman since my last report. Our congratulations, you two, now in Durham, NH.

Ginny Humphries sent me a note telling me Dot Jamrock died in August -- heart attack -- out walking her beloved dogs. We extend our sincere sympathy to all her family.

Kay Molander was in Texas and missed the occasion. I invited Kay Monaghan to join Esther and me, but she was unable to come.

September Section had a large group and Elsie Tait, Esther Lane, Jean Murray and Marie Morrissette attended from July. So glad to see them all again.

If anyone has pictures of our momentous occasion, send the negatives, I'll return them immediately. I need pictures for "The Book."

Please start to plan now, make reservations early. September 25, 26, and 27, 1998 is the 125th Celebration with many activities planned. It will be at the Radisson. The Quilt will be on display too. This will be a very special occasion. Please plan to attend.

I need your news for my next report. I'm waiting to hear from you.

September 1948

Virginia Kalvin
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Mansfield, MA 02048

Surprise! A word from September of 1948! Jane Bickness and I were the only two at the reunion. Kay, Terry, Peggy and I had a lovely lunch at Kay's home in Hyannis in august. In July Evy, Kay O'Connor and Ricky Noussee joined the 4 of us for lunch. Next year is our 50th. Please anyone interested in helping and please let us know if you are coming. Last

weekend in September - Radisson Hotel - to make reservations call 1 800 468 3557. Special rates for MGH'ers. Let us hear from you as soon as possible with names and addresses. Write me or Kay Horgan, 27 Commerford Rd, Concord, MA 01742.

Hazen (July Section) and I had lunch in October and she expects maybe 12 - 15 from her class and would like to join us.

September 1949

Jacqueline Auger Brown
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Received in early September 1997 was news of Ed Perkins death. Ed was a McLean Hospital graduate and the husband of Jean Lutz Perkins. they lived in West Covina, CA. Our classmates extend their sympathy to Jean and family.

Attending Homecoming on Saturday were the following: Mary Libbey Morris, Ruth Stronach Henshaw and Jackie Auger Brown.

Also present and celebrating their 50th reunion was the class of '47. We were able to reminisce with 3 of our student assistants. They were Mary Wallace, Bessie Pearson and Jean Barker. Brought back lots of memories.

It is not too early to start thinking of our 50th in 1999. Any ideas? Let us know!

1956

(Joan) Sharon Donahue Ritter is now a practicing psychotherapist and living in Johnson Vermont.

1958

September

Ruth Gedies Russo
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Greetings to the members of the September Section.

Once again another year has flown by and we just celebrated another Homecoming day - 1997. As usual, we had a very interesting speaker, who discussed all the changes over the past twenty years, and also a very enjoyable luncheon. This year our Section was represented by Joan Cameron Fox, Fran Perry Charles, Judy Madden Fitzsimmons, Janet Hames Crook, Dubbie Vilasuso Sugg, Sue Truby Peterson, Maryanne Robert Beaubien and me, Ruth Gedies Russo -- our attendance is improving. Everyone that we saw from our section was well, as were their families.

I received a letter in November, 1996, from a friend of Barbara Gernhardt relaying the sad news of Barbara's death in October 1994 after a brief illness.

Another reminder -- next year in September, 1998, we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of our graduation and it is also the 125th anniversary of the school. There will be a three day celebration --- Saturday night will be free for individual class celebrations. We will also be updating our Class Directory, so please get your information ready to send in for the Directory. There will be a letter sent out, probably in the next one to two months with additional information regarding our particular section celebration.

For now, I hope this letter finds all of our class members in good health, we look forward to seeing you for the "Gala" in September, 1998.

March

Mary Caira
19 Fuller Terrace
West Newton, MA 02165

I have talked to Mary Roy. She will hostess the celebration of our 40th. It will take place at her home in Weston, or at the nearby Braeburn Country Club (if her home is under major construction).

Other news:

Amanda McCrae Fuhro corrected address: 3808 Carmen Ave, Rancho Viejo, TX 78575

Maxine Clark Hybarger -- she and family are well -- she plans to come east for the 40th.

Mary Duggan Roy -- all is quite well. She continues to travel far and wide with Norm on business trips.

The Cairas -- Mike is doing pretty well. I am working 3 - 11 at a nearby Nursing Home, and am carrying a few Hospice cases. Michael bought a condo in Natick, about 10 miles away. Chris and Kelly are well. Maria, Jim, Catherine and Laura are living in their own home in Waltham, about 4 miles away. We miss having the babies across the street.

I'm hoping that many or all of us will be together for the 40th and the 125th Celebrations.

1986

We received a note from Paul Chamberland he is now the Clinical Director of the Peabody House (an AIDS service organization in the Portland, Maine area). He is at One Acorn Lane, Scarborough, ME 04074, Phone: 207 883 0981, FAX 207 883 4957, E-mail: paulmaine@aol.com -- he hopes classmates will call and keep in touch.

To: All MGH School of Nursing &
IHP Nursing Program Graduates
From: The MGH Nurses Alumnae Association
Date: October, 1997
Re: Annual Membership Drive

Fall is here and the annual Homecoming was a success. We are now gearing up for the 125th anniversary celebration that will be Homecoming 1998. In order to guarantee that you will receive all of the mailings and reduced rates for the event and materials on sale during and after the event, you need to renew or join the association **today**. Membership gives you two issues of the Alumnae Record, reduced rate for the 125th celebration, discounts on MGHNAA materials that will be available for sale at the 125th and after, and a way to communicate with your classmates and other graduates of the school.

Fill in the form below and send it in today with your check for US $ 20.00. Make sure you do not miss any of the important materials we will be sending out to members regarding the 125th!

Because of the cost in time and money we ask that you send in the form and dues today to eliminate the need for second notices. Thank you for your consideration.

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See you next September at the 125th.

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